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Kaiser Bill went up the hill  
To get a view of France;  
Kaiser Bill came down the hill  
With bullets in his pants.—Ex.

### WHAT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY IN THE PRESENT CRISIS?

"What is my duty to my country in the present crisis, to finish school or go to war?" was the question asked by many school boys in letters written to the American Boy. That magazine thought the question worth while and immediately wrote for the opinions of various members of the cabinet, including President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Secretary of War, Baker. Every answer received stated: "Finish school first, by all means, even though the army on the way may look very tempting."

Our country needs trained men. In every periodical one can see where various trained men are needed for the service. There was mentioned in the Ocala Banner of the 15th, of February, the fact that two high school students were needed for work in the merchant marine service in Key West, and that they would receive higher salaries than the other branches offered. Look at the men today in service. Who are private and who are officers? How many have gone as high as the eighth grade in school? Close observation will disclose the fact that the educated men get the cream, the partially educated the milk and the remainder—well, let's not talk about their sad plight. Too bad they could not look into the future when in school!

I know of five boys who went to officer's training camps from Ocala. Four had high school educations and were graduates, the fifth, a good fellow and all of that, but weak in education. They were all placed on equal footing for competing for the various commissions. These particular four boys were made lieutenants while the fifth did not receive a commission, mainly because of lack of preparation.

So now, is it not plain to you that your school is very essential to you?

#### A Dangerous Beast

A quaint old lady whose son was in the navy, received a letter in which he stated that he was sending her some presents. A friend called on her, and was allowed to read the letter to her. When she came to the passage which read: "Am sending you a striped Japanese kimono." She exclaimed, "How nice of him." But the old lady was disappointed. "What in the world will I do with the animal? I suppose I'll have to tie it in the back yard and feed it on dog biscuit, and I've been tryin' to Hooverize, too."

As patriotic in every way as the high school students have proven themselves to be, it was quite surprising to know that the school was no better represented at the lecture given by Sergeant Verne Marshall last Friday night. They missed a great treat by not hearing of things as they are in Europe.

Students! How many of you are conscious of the fact that there are 3,000,000 starving people in Europe today? Do, for humanity's sake, economize in every way you can and use all your influence to cause others to do the same.

It would be profitable for you to get to hustling. It's about time to begin cramming for the third quarterly examinations. Star in time or you may come up with a red mark on your report card.

He: "I'd rather drive than to eat."  
She: "I'd rather ride than cook, so we'll get along fine."

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### CURRENT HISTORY

#### "Objectors" in 1776

There were conscientious and other kinds of objectors way back in 1776, as shown by the records of Harford, Md., discovered by war department officials in perfecting title to the new proving-grounds. In a document under that date appear the names of fifteen citizens who for various reasons refused to sign a declaration of independence which is said to have been among the first moves in that direction by the colonists. Thomas Gilbert was quite frank, stating that "he don't sign by reason that he don't choose." Thomas West refused to endorse the movement "by reason that it is a mystery to him," while Philip Cummins contended that he "didn't understand the matter." Here are the reasons of the other twelve as printed in the New York Times:

Benjamin Herbert Jr. refuses to sign through religious principles.

Richard T. Hargrove refuses to sign through religious principles.

William Wilson, son of John, refuses to sign through religious principles.

Michael Boser doesn't sign by reason he signed before.

John Ward don't sign by reason the Congress don't sign and by reason he thinks if the English gain the day then the Congress and the great people will turn the scale and say the commonalty of people forced them to stand in opposition to the English.

John Clark don't sign by reason he can give.

Ephraim Arnold don't sign for fear it would fetch him into a scrape.

Isaac Penrose don't sign for reason he don't choose to fight for liberty and never will.

Benjamin Fleetwood refuses to sign. He says he will go in a vessel, but will not fight by land.

Samuel Gallion says if he should sign he may fetch on himself what he can not go through.

Richard Spencer says he can not write nor read and shall not sign any paper.—Literary Digest.

Captured Germans says that the Huns are preparing for a great offensive on the western front. Tanks and a mysterious new gas which they make great claims for will be used in their assaults on the Allied lines. The main thrust will probably be between Arras and Saint Quentin. The Huns will find the Allied troops waiting for them, confident of victory.

Secret service men have started in investigation of the enormous expenditures in building the government shipyard at Hog Island.

A German submarine was recently bombed and sunk in the English channel by two French hydro-airplanes.

According to a German official statement, Entente airplanes made thirty-one raids on German territory during January. Five persons were killed, nine wounded and very small damage was done.

A young man in a South Carolina training camp, a university graduate and great-grandson of General U. S. Grant, was recently raised from a private to the rank of a corporal for faithful attention to his work as driver of an army truck.

#### OCALA'S AVIATOR

Lieut. Olaf Zewadski Flying Over the Teuton Lines

The many friends here of Lieut. Olaf B. Zewadski will be pleased to learn that he has landed safely in France. Lieut. Zewadski is an Ocala boy, but was residing in Jacksonville at the time he enlisted in the army. He is the son of W. K. Zewadski of Ocala, one of the best known attorneys in the state.

Young Zewadski enlisted in Company A, First Florida infantry, shortly after the outbreak of the war, but just before his regiment left for Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., he was detached and sent to Fort Sill, Okla., for training as an aerial observer. Following his training period he was commissioned a lieutenant in the aviation section of the signal corps, and was immediately ordered to France for duty with the expeditionary forces.

It is understood that he has already made a number of flights over the German lines.

At the time of his enlistment he was an attache of the business office of the Times-Union.—Times Union.

#### HOME ECONOMICS

The making of Red Cross garments as a part of the home economics course in the public schools has been criticized by a great many people. They say that it keeps the girls from learning to make things for their own use. At this time, when the Red Cross is calling for help, we should not think so much of ourselves, so Miss Conibear has decided to let the girls of Nos. 1 and 2 make Red Cross garments. They intend to start this week.

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#### PLEASANT OUTING

In the following account from the "Southern," both the hostess and the guest of honor are well known. Miss Gladys Osborn was a senior of the O. H. S. before her removal to St. Petersburg.

"Attracted to the out-of-doors by the unusual mildness of the weather, a party of Southern girls enjoyed a merry outing at Blue Sink last Monday. In the party were nine girls, including Miss Gladys Osborn, of St. Petersburg, in whose honor the outing was arranged. Miss Osborn, who played on the St. Petersburg basketball team the Saturday evening before, remained in Southerland until Monday afternoon as the guest of Miss Isabel Davis.

After many preparations had been made, the girls left the college ground about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning and walked to Blue Sink. Here they immediately began preparations for lunch. All the good things they could bring along were included in the meal which they prepared. Mr. J. P. Durand also added to the enjoyment of the lunch hour by contributing abundantly oranges and grapefruit from his orchard near at hand. In addition to this token of his generosity, he gave the girls permission to get all the citrus fruit they wished. The party, which was chaperoned by Miss Echols and Mr. Long, returned about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

"The outing was an unusually enjoyable occasion for everyone who attended. The girls who were members of the party were Misses Gladys Osborn, Inez Fridy, Jessie Bowron, Marion Hendry, Winifred Franklin, Ruth Steinmeyer, Laureta Martin, Emma Patterson and Isabelle Davis.—The Southern.

#### INTOLERANCE

One of the best productions by D. W. Griffith since "The Birth of a Nation," is "Intolerance." It will be shown at the Temple Thursday, February 28th, matinee and night. Every student should attend as it will certainly be instructive. The world's first great example of intolerance is one of the four thrilling stories to be shown.

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